REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-8 are presently pending in the instant application. This Amendment is also made to eliminate all multiple dependencies from the claims, thereby avoiding the need to pay the multiple dependent surcharge.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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